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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: ICAO: FIRST REPORT OF US DEL TO ICAO NORTH ATLANTIC

CROSSINGS PANEL (NACP)

1. MTG OPENED WITH ALL DESIGNATED PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT CRONE-LEVIN OF DENMARK. ACTING DANISH PANEL MEMBER IS A. MORTENSEN. CANADIAN PANEL MEMBER (E.L.BARCLAY) ELECTED CHAIRMAN. ALTHOUGH HE MADE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR MTG BEING CONDUCTED UNDER EXISTING TERMS OF REFERENCE, POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION OF TERMS HAVING EFFECT ON DISCUSSIONS, WITH DOUBTS BEING EXPRESSED THAT MTG CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING.

2. AT OUTSET US DELEGATION MADE POINT THAT DUAL NATURE OF DEN/ICE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (GOVERNMENTAL JOINT FINANCING/USER CHARGES) MIGHT EVENTUALLY LEAD PANEL TO CONCLUDE THAT TWO SETS OF COST RECOVERY PRINCIPLES ARE NEEDED. IDEA RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY FROM FRG PANEL MEMBER, BUT CHAIR FINALLY RULED THAT PANEL'S TERMS OF REFERENCE LIMITED DISCUSSIONS TO "COST SHARING" WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS GOVERNMENTAL JOINT FINANCING. NEVERTHELESS, INTRODUCTION OF IDEA COULD HAVE SOME FUTURE BENEFITS.

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3. DURING DISCUSSION OF SECTOR FLIGHTS, FRG PANEL MEMBER STATED HE DID NOT INTEND TO CALL FOR CHANGING METHOD OF COUNTING SUCH FLIGHTS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING STATES' ASSESSMENTS. HE MERELY WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT PROVIDER STATES ARE NOW RECEIVING INCREASED BENEFITS RESULTING FROM INCREASED VOLUME OF SUCH SECTOR FLIGHTS.

4. PRIVATELY, FRG PANEL MEMBER INDICATED FRG WOULD SUPPORT STATUS
QUO IN DEN/ICE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PERHAPS A RAISING OF SOUTHERN
BOUNDARY OF DEN/ICE SYSTEM TO 45 DEGREE N LATITUDE, IF DENMARK
WOULD AGREE TO EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF SNAP/DEN/ICE III
RECOMMENDATIONS.
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